made by the Firm were groundless. They did not also think it necessary to pursue the matter any further.

Fall in Prices of articles.

354. മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—(a) നമ്മുടെ നാട്ടിലെ പ്രധാന ഉല്പന്നമായ നാളികേരത്തിന്റെ വില ക്രമാതീതമായി കുറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നതും ജനങ്ങൾ നിത്യവൃത്തി കഷ്ടനഷ്ടങ്ങൾ അനുഭവിക്കുന്നതും ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്നറിയാമൊ;

(b) കൊച്ചിയോട് കച്ചവടസംബന്ധമുള്ള പ്രധാന വിഭാഗമാക്കാര്യങ്ങളിൽ ഏജൻറുമാരെ നിയമിച്ച് നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യത്തെ കച്ചവടത്തെ വ്യവസ്ഥപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്ന വിരോധമുണ്ടൊ;

(c) നമ്മുടെ നാട്ടിലെ കയറുമതി, ഇറക്കുമതികളെ കുറിക്കുന്ന വിവരങ്ങൾ ഗവൺമെണ്ട് രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നുണ്ടൊ;

(d) കച്ചവടമാക്കാര്യത്തിൽ പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെ അറിവിന്നും മാർഗ്ഗദർശനത്തിന്നുമായി ഗവൺമെണ്ട് പ്രസിദ്ധം ചെയ്യാത്തതിനു കാരണം എന്തു?

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ.—(a) നാളികേരത്തിനെന്നുമാത്രമല്ല മറ്റു പലസാധനങ്ങൾക്കും വില കുറവുണ്ട്.

(b), (c) & (d). കൊച്ചിയിൽ ഒരു കമ്മേർസിയൽ ആൻഡ് ഇൻറെലിജൻസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ട് പുതുതായി തുടങ്ങുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ട് ആലോചിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ട് ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയശേഷം നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യത്തെ കച്ചവടത്തെ വ്യവസ്ഥപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനുപയുക്തമായ നടപടികൾ നടത്തുന്നതാണ്.

Petition from inhabitants of Eriyad, etc., villages.

355. മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—താഴെ എഴുതുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ദയവായി ഉത്തരം നല്കുമൊ:—

(a) ഏറിയാട്, മാടവന, മേത്തല എന്നീ വില്ലേജ് നിവാസികൾ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ മെമ്പർവഴി അയച്ച ഹർജിയിന്മേൽ എന്തെല്ലാം നടപടികൾ നടത്തി എന്നു പറയുമൊ;

(b) വല്ല മറുപടിയും കൊടുക്കയുണ്ടായൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.—(a) ഹർജിയിൽ അപേക്ഷിച്ചപ്രകാരം ചാല് താഴ്ത്തുന്നതിന് ഗവൺമെണ്ട് ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(b) ഇല്ല.

Chittur Girls' High School.

356. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) how many male teachers are there in the Chittur High School for girls;

(2) are they put there for dearth of female teachers; if not why;

(3) what is the strength of the 3rd class of the school;

(4) how many months is it since it has been under one teacher?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Five including the Sanskrit Pandit.

(2) Yes. Male teachers are appointed in Girls' High Schools for want of qualified women teachers.

(3) Forty.

(4) For two and a half months.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have the Government allowed their qualified women teachers to go outside the State to serve?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—We cannot stop women teachers from going outside the State.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Whether they had given permission to them to go outside?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Not on deputation.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—They still hold a lien on the appointment though they have gone outside.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Women teachers have gone on leave, and in some cases they do so with permission to occupy themselves in institutions outside the State.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—When there is so much of dearth of women teachers, why have you allowed these women teachers to go outside?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is not possible to draw all the duly qualified women teachers because there is not sufficient room, and in some cases some Girls' schools have got men teachers because qualified women are not available in these subjects. It looks to an outsider that when on the one hand too many women teachers are unemployed there are only a few teachers employed in girls' schools. It so happens at times that we want a mathematics graduate and the one that is available is a physics one. The physics lady graduate goes outside and serves under other Governments and managements and the mathematics place has to be filled up by a male teacher.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Do the Government think that a class of 40 can be managed by a single teacher? Whether any special allowance will be paid to that teacher?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The rules allow a strength of 45. If the Hon'ble Member wants to know whether it is educationally sound, I should say that in third class, in which case it is referred to here, 40 is too many for a single teacher. No individual attention can be paid and as such 40 is a high strength. The rules allow this as they stand.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—It is said that for two months and more 40 pupils were in one class alone.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There are two classes even now. But Government thought it better to have one teacher. This was

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the practice in the department, when the strength of one class is below the minimum the two are clubbed together under one teacher. With regard to these Government and aided institutions the two classes are clubbed together as one, because of financial stringency and the interest of the Government. As I said, this is not an ideal system. It is insisted upon in the case of aided institutions. It would look unreasonable to adopt a different policy with regard to the Government institutions, since the codes of line to both the institutions are the same and educational considerations equally apply to both.

Standard of education, G. H. S., Kunnamkulam.

357. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 86 of the last Budget Session, will the Government be pleased to inform whether satisfactory steps have been taken by the Government to improve the standard of education in Girls' High School, Kunnamkulam and the school results in the public examination ; and if so, what are they ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The poor results were found to be mainly due to the constant absence of the Headmistress on leave and the frequent transfers of the staff. Necessary action to rectify both these has been taken. The stopping of the annual increment of the Headmistress has induced the whole staff to exert themselves better.

House-sites to Depressed Classes.

358. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform with reference to question No. 127 of the last Budget Session whether the request for house-sites from some of the depressed classes in Porkulam village has been sanctioned ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The Tahsildar has been requested to select suitable sites and submit proposals for sanction.

National dress—teachers.

359. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this House (a) whether they have accepted the token motion No. 2 Education—regarding National dress for the teachers passed during the last Budget Session ; and if so,

(b) what action they have taken upon that matter ?

Mr. I. N. Menon. (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

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